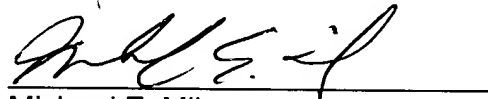


Attached is a declaration executed by the undersigned attorney that states that the original Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was never received, and attests that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was never received by Applicant's attorney's law firm of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson, and Lione, in Chicago, Illinois. Accordingly, as this petition, and accompanying declaration and supporting materials are being timely filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment dated June 27, 2003, the holding of abandonment in this application should be withdrawn per MPEP Section 711.03(c)(II).

Applicants believe that no fees are required, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees, if necessary, associated with this Petition for Withdrawal to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Milz", is written over a horizontal line.

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